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CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT IMPACT PORT TRUCK PLAN

LONG BEACH – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that various road construction projects planned and underway on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) will not impact the launch of a new program that allows trucks to operate at the ports during off-peak hours.

OffPeak, the new program, will begin on Saturday, July 23. Shifts will be Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The program is expected to reduce road congestion and improve air quality.

Caltrans has several road improvement projects underway or set to begin on I-710. They include:

- Pavement repair and replacement from the I-710/San Diego Freeway (I-405) Interchange to the Glenn Anderson Freeway (Route 105). This \$3.6 million project began in June 2005 and will complete summer 2007;
- Pavement repair and replacement from Firestone Boulevard to the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10). This \$20 million project will begin this month and end in summer 2007;
- Median barrier upgrade from the Los Angeles River Bridge to I-10. Construction will begin fall 2005 and end fall 2007. Cost is \$23.7 million;
- Pavement rehabilitation from I-405 to Firestone Boulevard. The \$121.5 million project will begin in spring 2006 and end fall 2010.

Caltrans will employ Traffic Management Plans during construction to assist traffic movement through the construction zones. The plans may include, when appropriate, signed detours, portable changeable message signs (CMS) and public awareness activities. At least two lanes of traffic in each direction will be open at all times.

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